

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of Claims 6-10, 12 and 14 were allowed.

The remaining objection of independent Claims 1 and 13 is based on 35 U.S.C. §101.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's suggestions for amending independent Claims 1 and 13 to embody a program on a computer-readable medium in order to satisfy the statutory requirement. See MPEP 2106.01. Applicant has attempted to implement this suggestion in the amended Claims 1 and 13, as set forth herein.

Additionally, applicant's attorney, Dhiren Odedra, Esq. from the Panasonic Patent Center in Washington, D.C. had interviewed the SPE Thai Q. Tran in another case having the same type of language as utilized in our Claim 1 and it was found to be more than adequate statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101 with regards to claim language set forth in our current amended Claim 1.

Accordingly, based upon the Examiner's suggestion and the recent experience with SPE Tran in this same art unit, applicant has amended Claims 1 and 13 and believes that they more than adequately comply with 35 U.S.C. §101, and that the case is now in condition for allowance.

If there are any questions with regards to the format of our present Claims 1 and 13, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone conference.

Very truly yours,

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